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THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED. SEE PRESS RELEASE DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2004

NRC STAFF TO MEET WITH ENTERGY NUCLEAR VERMONT YANKEE TO DISCUSS PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF TWO INSPECTIONS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold two meetings with Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee on Tuesday, Nov. 9, to discuss the preliminary findings of two recent inspections at the Vernon, Vt., plant.

At the first meeting, the NRC will present the preliminary results of NRC's Special Inspection regarding two spent fuel rod pieces that were misplaced in the Vermont Yankee spent fuel pool. It will be held at 3 p.m. in the Governor Hunt House, 320 Governor Hunt Road, in Vernon. The public is invited to observe the meeting and NRC staff will be available for comments and questions from the public before the meeting adjourns.

At 6 p.m., the NRC staff will meet with Entergy to discuss the preliminary results of the NRC's Engineering Team Inspection at Vermont Yankee. This meeting will be held at Vernon Elementary School, 381 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon.

The public is invited to observe this meeting between the NRC and Entergy. Before the meeting is adjourned, the public will have the opportunity to ask the NRC questions or make statements regarding the Vermont Yankee Engineering Team Inspection. The question and answer session will end at 10 p.m. The preliminary inspection results will be made publically available prior to this meeting on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/plant-specific-items/vermont-yankee-issues.html>.

Because the power uprate review is on-going, it would be premature for the staff to engage in discussion of the power uprate proposal at this time. The staff will discuss the engineering team inspection scope and results and how the findings from the engineering inspection will be considered as part of the NRC's review of Entergy's extended power uprate request. The staff expects to hold another meeting in the future to discuss the power uprate when it can engage in more substantive discussions on the issues.

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